

Racing against the clock

Junior barrel racer Hannah Burrell hopes to move up in the FCA standings this weekend

TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Review staff

Eleven-year-old Hannah Burrell will have her eye on the clock this weekend as she chases a spot in the FCA finals.

The junior barrel racer is sitting 13th in the standings and has to slide up to the top six to compete at the Foothills Cowboy Association Cowboy Classic in Red Deer this October. She has three rodeos after Didsbury to secure a better ranking and the cowgirl is confident she can get there.

Burrell grew up on the rodeo circuit with her team roper parents.

"I saw barrel racing when I went to rodeos with my parents and thought the speed was really neat. I wanted to do it."

She competed for the

first time at six years old during Carstairs' peewee jackpot. Her horse was slow, barely rounding the corners and forcing her mom to walk into the arena and lead her through the routine.

"It's an adrenalain rush to watch her for sure ... almost as much as if I was down in there competing myself."

TAMMY BURRELL
parent

Burrell has come a long way since then. She has five buckles mounted on the wall from the pro-rodeo circuit and has taken top spot at the Sundre Pro Rodeo

junior barrel race for three consecutive years.

This is her first time at the FCA level and she's already made headway, ranking in the standings and earning third place at the Carstairs Beef and Barley Days.

Her mom, Tammy, says she's doing the family proud. They'll be there Friday to see her thunder around the barrels.

"It's an adrenalain rush to watch her for sure ... almost as much as if I was down in there competing myself," Tammy said.

"But I don't worry for her. I'd be much more concerned to see her hang off the side of the horse in trick riding — which is something else she was thinking of trying."

Burrell will be competing against 14 juniors at the weekend rodeo, including Didsbury's Randelle

Johnson. Johnson is saddling up for a second try at the local rodeo after falling short of placing last year.

She was the youngest rodeo racer in 2009 and felt a little intimidated heading into the ring against 16-year-old riders. She continues to be the youngest this time around

but now she knows it's all about skill and speed — not age.

"My dad tells me just to let my horse run like she usually does," Johnson said.

"All I hope for is a nice clean run ... winning would be nice too."

Also up for barrel racing are Didsbury junior com-

petitors Carley Whittleton and Jewel Brister. Susanne Turton, currently sitting at 21 in the ladies barrel racing standings will be competing, alongside Brandi Love, Martine Anderson and Gillian Shields.

There are over 200 entries in total at the local rodeo, including 11 from this community.

Growth in jeopardy

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The levy is on top of land, engineering and infrastructure expenses.

They were supposed to start building again this summer but have put it off in light of the new cost.

"We are trying to find a way to do this project," Steckler said.

"But ... the town is making it tough. We need to move large amounts of lots on a project like this and with the proposed off-site levy increase, what the town is effectively saying is it's no longer profitable to sell in Didsbury," Steckler said.

It doesn't help that the economy still hasn't recovered.

It's become a buyer's real estate market and the buyers aren't buying, forcing many developers in Airdrie, Carstairs and Olds to drop their prices. Didsbury would have to do the same — an act made difficult if fees increase, Steckler said.

The question comes down to whether the town wants to grow and grow its tax base. It won't with this new fee."

Fox Hollow developer, Lynn Thurlow, agrees.

The 38-acre project which will build duplexes and multi-family homes near the Didsbury Cemetery, also had its development agreement

expire this year and planners are trying to figure out a way it can move forward with increased costs.

"A charge like this is just going to delay projects like ours further," Thurlow said.

And when things do get going, those increased costs will be passed down to builders and prospective homebuyers — likely deterring people from moving here, he said.

Developers are suggesting the town look for another solution or at least introduce the fee in stages, instead of all at

once. It's something town councillors will have to look at when they meet for the first reading this September.

"Developers have a valid point ... yes, it probably will impact local development but if we don't increase the levy then it could mean a tax increase and that isn't fair for people who already live here. Why should they have to pay for a new neighbourhood?" Hutton said.

"I guess it could come down to sacrificing growth to do what's right."



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KidSport covers all bases

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Review staff

Didsbury is going to bat for young athletes this weekend.

Four teams have already signed up to participate in the KidSport Mountain View slow-pitch tournament this Friday – and the organization hopes more are on their way.

"We have been looking for a new fundraiser and we hope this is it ... we're really excited," said Pam Cameron, president of the local KidSport chapter.

The organization is partnering with the Ag Society for the first time to put on the ball tournament and cabaret and hopes the joint effort will rope in over \$3,000. The organization's need for funds is larger than ever, Cameron said.

"We are seeing a huge influx in families coming

forward for help and we haven't even started with fall and winter sports," Cameron said.

"We need to raise as much as we can."

The local chapter has been operating in the region for six years and the number of those it supports doubles annually. In 2003, it helped five athletes gear up and get in the game.

Five years later, KidSport funded more than 30 athletes. Last year the number was 34, with a record \$5,945 dished out to keep kids active.

Through the charity, families with children in any registered activity can apply for \$300 to help cover the cost of registration. The money is up \$100 from 2008 because of inflation and hard times.

This year the number of families dipping into the charity has already busted 2009's offerings with

27 athletes funded at \$4,386. There is still four months to go until the end of the year.

"I think in the last three years people have lost their jobs or been hurt by the recession and they don't want to see those troubles affect their kids ... so they are reaching out to organizations like ours," said Lee-Anne Akister, fund distribution director for KidSport Mountain View.

Tracy Smith with Didsbury Minor Hockey said a few families have already taken advantage of the program for the upcoming season. This community is lucky to have the aid, she added.

"It would be sad not to have something like this here. There is obviously a need for it and it does make it easier for families to afford to have their children play sports like hockey."

Hockey – like lacrosse and figure skating – can add up. Registration for

novice level hockey is \$350 and that's before the cost of sticks and protective gear.

For more information on the slow-pitch tournament, call Scott Sinclair at (403) 680-8269.

Didsbury hosts national ride

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Review staff

Rural Ride for Dad organizers are scrambling to get a pit stop ready for motorcyclists blazing their way towards Didsbury this Sunday.

The town was recently added as a layover on a coast-to-coast parade.

"It's a great development but we will be spending the week trying to get everything together," said Greg Overwater, an organizer with the local Ride for Dad chapter.

See Parade on page 9

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- Parade 11am
- Radio Ops
- Kids Zone
- Bear Den
- Beaded Tournament and Bear Den Memorial Park in Didsbury
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Commentary

Tobacco tax spurs black market trade

The growing black market for cigarettes in Canada is becoming a larger and larger problem. It is a source of violent and organized crime and it deprives governments of the full taxes from the sale of a legal product. To deal with this problem, governments must not further hike tobacco taxes, as doing so merely spurs black market trade.

In the 1980s and 1990s governments faced large and growing deficits and mounting debt loads. They also faced decreased public acceptance of smoking. In response to both, government raised tobacco excise taxes. The raising of the taxes drove a growing black market.

Different studies, including data from Statistics Canada, all estimate that between 1987 and 1993 contraband cigarettes grew from one per cent of the market to between 27 and 33 per cent. This growth came at the same time that federal tobacco taxes more than tripled from \$6 per carton to over \$19 per carton. Many provinces matched these hikes.

Taxes were reduced in 1994, in part to address the growing black market, but have since crept back up. Today taxes comprises 45 per cent of the cost of a carton of cigarettes, which cost as much as \$74.49 in Ontario.

The return of high taxes has seen a return of the illegal tobacco trade. A 2009 study by the Convenience Store Association revealed that illegal cigarettes used by teens in Ontario schools had grown to 30 per cent and as high as 45 per cent in Quebec. Their research estimates that contraband cigarettes may be as much as 40 per cent of the total tobacco market today.

With large deficits and mounting debt again being experienced by most governments, they may be tempted to look to tobacco tax hikes to raise revenue.

Such hikes do not receive the same public backlash as does hiking most other taxes and fees. In fact, in many cases non-smokers relish the thought of higher taxes on products they do not consume. Unfortunately, higher tobacco taxes won't likely raise the revenue hoped.

Recent Fraser Institute research shows that a 10 per cent increase in the price of tobacco products can reduce lawful cigarette sales by about 3 per cent to 10 per cent. To the extent that some smokers evade excise taxes by purchasing contraband, the use of excise taxes to discourage smoking and increase government revenues is rendered ineffective.

It is further estimated that the illegal tobacco trade deprives governments of \$1.3 billion in tax revenues.

High and rising tobacco taxes are also hurting many small businesses and driving illegal activities onto some reserves. Much of the illegal tobacco can be traced back to native reserves in both Canada and the United States. Some of it is even sold at 'smoke shacks' on reserves. In addition to illegal cigarettes being sold, in some cases taxes aren't being charged to off-reserve Indians and to non-Indians even though they ought to be.

The illegal activity is a result of people trying to avoid paying high taxes. Increasing tobacco taxes would further drive smokers away from legitimate small businesses and would make the illegal trade on and off-reserve even more lucrative.

Aversion to smoking should no longer be an excuse to ignore the problems of illegal tobacco. To deal with it, governments need to resist the temptation to hike tobacco taxes. Enforcing the rule of law would also help.

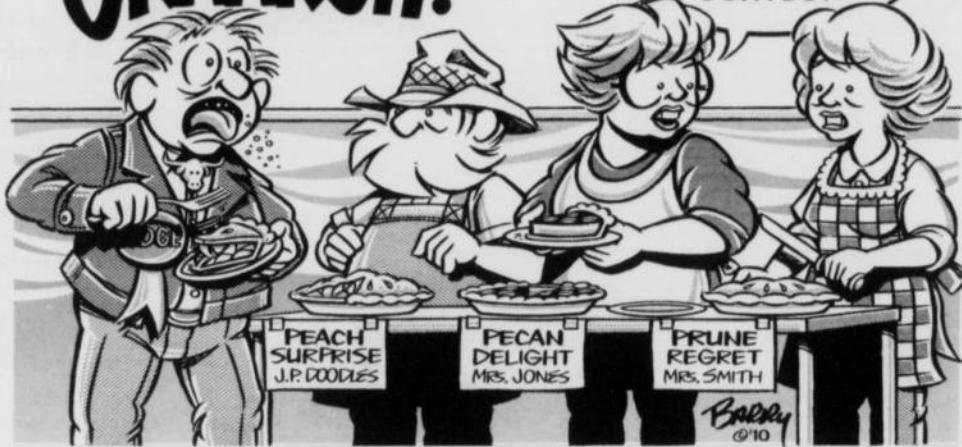
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Opinion

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CONTEST!



Editorial

Crime fight deserves public support

DAN SINGLETON

While many Harper government policies and programs have received less than total public support in recent years, new moves to give law enforcement more and better tools to fight organized crime are on the right track.

The government recently announced new regulations aimed at giving police and prosecutors a boost in the fight against gangsters and their criminal associates.

As things stood in the past some of the criminal acts perpetrated by organized crime groups did not meet the definition of "serious offence" under Canadian law because they were not indictable offences punishable by sentences of five years or more.

That, in turn, meant in some cases police and prosecutors were not able to make full use of peace bonds, bail, wiretaps, proceeds of crime legislation

and parole eligibility provisions in fighting gangsters.

The newly announced changes are aimed at rectifying that unacceptable situation. The government says the changes will help ensure that penalties are more proportionate to the increased threat to public safety posed by organized criminal activity.

While gangster activity has a much lower profile in rural communities than it does in the larger urban centres, there's no question that organized crime is present right here in West Central Alberta – whether it's overseeing the distribution and sale of narcotics, fencing stolen property taken from homes, farms, businesses and industrial sites, or committing fraud and identity theft against area residents.

If these latest changes end up giving RCMP in Sundre, Didsbury, Innisfail and Olds more and better tools in the fight against those same criminal elements they are welcome news for everyone.

Letters to the editor

Southridge Park is a 'disgraceful mess'

I am one of the residents in Southridge who has put in many complaints about Southridge Valley Park. As Garry Sande said, the area is a complete eyesore and a disgraceful mess! I would like to invite Councillor Bob Davidson to

come and sit in my backyard and take a look at what I see. He thinks it looks good? I bet if it were living on this street, a different song would be sung.

This area is nothing but a breeding ground for mice and mosquitoes plus

being a fire hazard. I don't intend to give up on this issue and hope all Southridge residents will keep up a barrage of complaints to the town office.

Ruth Stock
Didsbury

Westerdale's replica church has charm

For the past little while I have passed the little replica church situated on the hill in Westerdale. I was not aware that the door was unlocked and visitors were welcome to come in and view the interior and reflect.

What a wonderful experience and what a great job done by the person

or persons who did the building and finishing complete with pictures and chapel fixtures. The community of Westerdale should be commended and proud of this preservation of history.

While looking at and signing the guestbook, I was disgusted at what some people – and I use the term

loosely – have written in this place of worship. Shame on you.

Again, thank you to the Westerdale folks for a wonderful experience and I hope no more remarks, as I witnessed, show up.

Stan L Janzen
Didsbury

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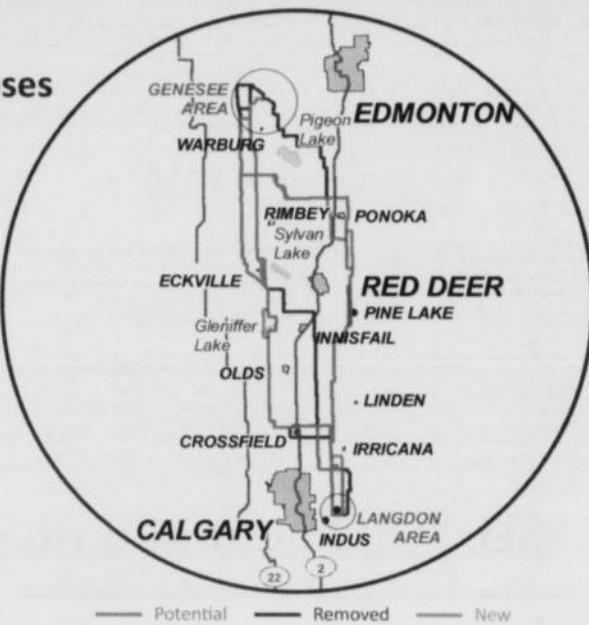
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Irricana	Thursday, August 19	4 – 8 p.m.	Irricana Community Hall 300 1 Street
Innisfail	Tuesday, August 24	4 – 8 p.m.	Innisfail Royal Canadian Legion 5108 49 Avenue
Pine Lake	Wednesday, August 25	4 – 8 p.m.	Pine Lake Ag Park Pavilion - NE-22-036-25-W4 Approximately two kilometres south of Highway 42 on Highway 816
Eckville	Thursday, August 26	4 – 8 p.m.	Eckville Community Centre 5305 52 Street
Warburg	Monday, August 30	4 – 8 p.m.	Warburg Community Centre 5435 50A Avenue
Ponoka	Tuesday, August 31	4 – 8 p.m.	Ponoka Kinsmen Community Centre 5009 46 Avenue
Rimbey	Wednesday, September 1	4 – 8 p.m.	Rimbey Community Centre 5109 54 Street
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Police briefs

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Review staff

Dog catches up to driver

An RCMP police dog took down a 28-year-old Carstairs man in a farmer's field after he fled from his rolled vehicle, last week.

Police say the passenger of a Pontiac van called police after the driver rolled into a ditch near Rge. Rd. 20 and the Carstairs Blind Line, August 12.

When the driver heard police, he bolted into a farmer's field, where a police dog later caught him. He was taken to the Didsbury Hospital with minor injuries and later released.

Alcohol was involved.

He has been charged with impaired over .08, breach of probation and breach of recognisance and will appear in Didsbury Provincial Court Oct. 4.

Man deported

Speed was a U.S. citizen's ticket out of Canada.

Didsbury police caught up to a 39-year-old U.S. man speeding north past Westcott Road, August 8, and discovered he was working in the country without a visa. He had a job in Edmonton and was likely travelling there before he was pulled over, police say.

Cpl. Warren Wright said he

was arrested under the immigration act and later deported.

"This doesn't happen very often but when you are travelling 156 kilometres down the road chances are you are bound to be pulled over. You are bringing attention to yourself," he said.

Damage done to Fire Hall

Carstairs firefighters are trying to figure out just what happened to their building over the weekend.

On Sunday they found a gaping hole on the north side of the fire hall on Gogh Road. Structural damage was found inside, as well.

Police are asking anyone with information about the hole to contact the Didsbury detachment.

Stolen again

A Ford truck was stolen from Carstairs Ford, overnight August 4.

It's the second time in two years the truck has been nabbed. It was stolen a year ago from Innisfail and later recovered by Coronation RCMP.

The Didsbury detachment continues to search for the vehicle.

Parade arrives

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"We're expecting 70 to 100 riders to stop here for a barbecue and rally before they head on a tour of the Badlands," Overwater said.

The Motorcycle Ride for Dad, an organization raising funds for research and awareness of prostate cancer, is celebrating its 10th anniversary with a 60-day national ride. It hopes to raise over a million dollars during the tour.

The Motorcycle Ride for Dad began in Ottawa 10 years ago with 75 riders and has since expanded to an annual event in 25 cities. It's raised more than \$5 million for the cause.

Didsbury remains the only rural ride in the country. It pulled in \$109,222 this year alone. In 2008 and 2009 it raised a combined \$151,908. The support grows each year with women and children coming on board from Didsbury and surrounding communities, Overwater said.

Byron Smith, ride captain and co-founder of the Ride, said the national tour has been a blast so far. It started out as a two-man celebration and has expanded to include – at some stops – over 600 motorcyclists.

They just pulled into Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., last Saturday after a "touching" ride along the Highway of Heroes.

"We're all a little sunburned and windburned but feeling pretty great ... we're getting a real sense of this country and helping to spread the message about prostate cancer along the way," Smith said.

"And I think the message is getting out there. We want to make this as well known as other causes out there."

He's looking forward to the stop in Didsbury. It will be his first time in the community – though he's heard much about the rural ride.

"Most of the rides involve big city centres so we are definitely looking forward to meeting the people behind this one ... and it will be great for riders to see a different chunk of Alberta. Not too many people would get the chance to go there," Smith said.

Hockey icon Don Cherry, a national spokesperson on the tour, is expected to join the tour somewhere in Alberta. Wayne Rostad, former host of the CBC television show On the Road Again, will also be pulling in.



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GOOD EATS - Doreen Wurz, 11, of Sandhills Colony takes a breather from selling vegetables at the Didsbury Farmer's Market. The market opens at the Didsbury Memorial Complex every Wednesday at 5 p.m.

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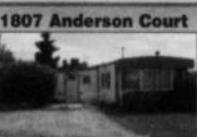
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